

Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1992-1998
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel ^a	Pipeline Fuel ^b	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
1992 Total	1,171	588	4,690	2,803	7,527	2,766	17,786	19,544
1993 Total	1,172	624	4,956	2,863	7,981	2,682	18,483	20,279
1994 Total	1,124	685	4,848	2,897	8,167	2,987	18,899	20,708
1995 Total	1,220	700	4,850	3,034	8,580	3,197	19,660	21,581
1996								
January	106	85	934	480	800	168	2,382	2,574
February	101	77	831	443	747	137	2,158	2,335
March	106	72	705	387	781	156	2,030	2,209
April	104	59	474	284	736	170	1,663	1,826
May	106	50	271	183	701	264	1,420	1,576
June	102	46	162	133	710	299	1,305	1,454
July	105	46	124	126	677	358	1,285	1,436
August	105	47	118	123	704	367	1,312	1,465
September	102	45	138	124	706	285	1,253	1,399
October	104	49	243	171	737	226	1,378	1,531
November	103	62	503	295	764	170	1,732	1,896
December	105	74	738	409	807	132	2,086	2,266
Total	1,250	711	5,241	3,161	8,870	2,732	20,006	21,967
1997								
January	E107	R81	907	478	804	139	2,328	2,516
February	E97	73	767	428	R749	143	R2,088	R2,259
March	E107	68	609	R367	R767	190	R1,932	2,108
April	E102	58	436	R274	R731	193	R1,635	R1,795
May	E106	52	288	R212	R710	231	R1,442	R1,599
June	E101	47	165	161	687	296	1,309	R1,457
July	E105	50	129	R150	R680	428	R1,386	R1,540
August	E104	49	R118	R144	R711	391	R1,365	R1,518
September	E102	47	130	146	R685	333	R1,293	R1,442
October	E105	50	235	194	704	246	1,379	1,533
November	E104	61	499	318	R726	180	R1,723	R1,888
December	E107	75	R731	R415	790	199	2,134	2,316
Total	E1,245	712	R5,013	R3,285	R8,745	2,969	R20,013	R21,970
1998								
January	E107	78	794	R446	799	171	R2,210	R2,394
February	E98	68	R680	R389	730	134	R1,933	R2,099
March	E107	69	R636	R369	749	194	R1,948	R2,123
April	E102	55	405	254	694	190	1,543	1,701
May	RE106	R49	219	175	R668	293	R1,355	R1,510
June	RE103	47	R152	145	641	379	1,316	1,466
July	E106	51	123	154	683	449	1,409	1,566
August(STIFS)	E103	E48	R111	E145	E708	NA	E1,400	E1,551
September(STIFS)	E101	E48	RE124	E148	E690	NA	RE1,324	RE1,473
October(STIFS)	E104	E51	E218	E185	E736	NA	E1,376	E1,531
1998 YTD^d	E1,037	E564	E3,463	E2,408	E7,097	1,810	E15,814	E17,414
1997 YTD	E1,035	575	3,783	2,553	7,229	1,620	16,156	17,766
1996 YTD	1,042	576	4,001	2,455	7,299	1,552	16,185	17,803

^a Plant fuel data are only collected on an annual basis and monthly lease fuel data are only collected annually. Lease and plant fuel estimates have been between 6 and 7 percent of marketed production annually. Monthly lease and plant fuel use is estimated from monthly marketed production by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^b Pipeline fuel use is only collected on an annual basis. Annually it is between 3 and 4 percent of total consumption. Monthly pipeline fuel data are estimated from monthly total consumption (excluding pipeline fuel) by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^c Vehicle fuel deliveries, in billion cubic feet, were 0.4 in 1991, 0.5 in 1992, 1.0 in 1993, 1.7 in 1994, 2.7 in 1995 and 2.9 in 1996.

^d Year-to-date volume represents months for which volume information is available in the current year.

R = Revised Data.

E = Estimated Data.

RE = Revised Estimated Data.

NA = Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1992 through 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Estimates for the most recent three months are derived from the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS). Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1992-1996: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-627, "Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," (thru 1994), Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," (1995 forward), Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," EIA computations, and *Natural Gas Annual 1996*. January 1997 through the current month: EIA: Form 895, "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," Form EIA-857, Form EIA-759, and STIFS computations. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.